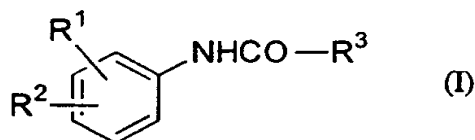


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1. An amide compound of the formula (I):

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wherein

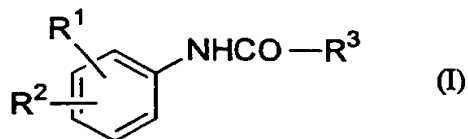
- 10 R¹ is an N-containing heterocyclic group selected from an imidazolyl, a triazolyl, a pyridyl, a pyridazinyl, a pyrimidinyl and a pyrazinyl group, each of which may be substituted with one or more lower alkyl groups,

R² is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group, and

- 15 R³ is a phenyl group substituted with thienyl or halophenyl; a thienyl group substituted with thienyl, phenyl or halophenyl; a pyrrolyl group substituted with phenyl; a thiazolyl group substituted with phenyl; an indolyl group substituted with lower alkyl and/or halo(lower)alkyl; a fluorenyl group; or a carbazolyl group, provided that

- 20 (1) the imidazolyl group for R¹ is substituted with one or more alkyl groups, when R³ is a phenyl group substituted thienyl; an indolyl group substituted with lower alkyl; or carbazolyl group,
 (2) the imidazolyl group for R¹ is substituted with two lower alkyl groups, when R³ is a phenyl group substituted with halophenyl, or
 25 (3) R¹ is pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, a 4-(lower alkyl)-imidazol-1-yl or a 4,5-di(lower alkyl)-imidazol-1-yl group, when R³ is fluorenyl group and its salt.

- 30 2. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an amide compound of the formula (I):



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wherein

R¹ is an N-containing heterocyclic group selected from an imidazolyl, a triazolyl, a pyridyl, a pyridazinyl, a pyrimidinyl and a pyrazinyl group, each of which may be substituted with one or more
5 lower alkyl groups,

R² is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group, and

R³ is a phenyl group substituted with thienyl or halophenyl; a thienyl group substituted with thienyl, phenyl or halophenyl; a pyrrolyl group substituted with phenyl; a thiazolyl group substituted with
10 phenyl; an indolyl group substituted with lower alkyl and/or halo(lower)alkyl; a fluorenyl group; or a carbazolyl group, provided that

(1) the imidazolyl group for R¹ is substituted with one or more alkyl groups, when R³ is a phenyl group substituted thienyl; an indolyl group
15 substituted with lower alkyl; or carbazolyl group,

(2) the imidazolyl group for R¹ is substituted with two lower alkyl groups, when R³ is a phenyl group substituted with halophenyl, or

(3) R¹ is pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, a 4-(lower alkyl)-imidazol-1-yl or a 4,5-di(lower alkyl)-imidazol-1-yl group, when
20 R³ is fluorenyl group
or its non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

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